# SHADOW RAIDERS I

## Episode 18
## 'Sandstorm'

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## ACT ONE

FADE IN:

EXT. SPACE ON ALLIANCE FLEET

TRACK THE ALLIANCE PLANETS as the Royal Bladewing leaves the Aurora heading towards the new planet in the opposite direction from the Fleet.

JADE (VO)
(1) For once, I agree with Femur.

JADE (VO)
(3) Stopping here just gives the Beast Planet time to catch us.

INT. BLADE WING

GRAVEHEART, CRYOS, ZERA, and JADE inside.

GRAVEHEART
(4) That's a chance we'll have to take, Jade. Someone has to warn this world it's in the Beast's path.

CRYOS
(5) Meanwhile, the Alliance will move on without us.

ZERA
(6) Can't we just call whoever's down there and tell them to use their World Engine?

CRYOS
(7) We could if they had any form of communication we recognize.

GRAVEHEART
(8) That's why we left Pyrus and Tekla behind to work on that problem.

JADE (VO)
(9) And to watch our backs for us.

EXT PLANET SAND

Our heroes approach Sand, and the face is revealed.

ZERA (VO)

(10) The people who carved that face must be extraordinary!

INT. BLADE WING

As the Blade Wing enters Sand's atmosphere, the giant face is revealed to be nothing more than giant sand dunes.

ZERA
(disappointed)
(11) Oh. It isn't carved at all. It's just sand dunes piled up against those walls.

CRYOS
(12) You are always so quick to form opinions, Zera. Don't jump to conclusions, it can be quite dangerous on a diplomatic mission.

EXT. PLANET SAND - DAY

The Blade Wing flies low over Sand. It swoops down and lands on the planets surface.

The hatch opens. Jade swings herself out of the ship and cautiously surveys the area.

JADE
(13) There is something about this place that makes my skin crawl.

Graveheart soon joins Jades side, Cryos and Zera follow them out of the ship.

CRYOS
(turning to Zera)
(14) Perhaps its best if you stay behind with Jade and the ship, Zera.

ZERA
(15) You brought me on this mission to learn diplomacy. It's time I stopped hiding at the first hint of trouble.

Cryos considers for a BEAT, then SIGHS. He picks up his daughter and lovingly speaks to her.

CRYOS
(16) I never could win a debate with you.
Just remember you are an observer here.

Graveheart turns to Jade.

GRAVEHEART
(17) Jade, ship security is yours.

JADE
(18) I'll keep the engine running...just in case.

Jade watches as the others set off across the sand.

PULL BACK WIDER - to reveal a SAND PERSON hidden from our heros' sight behind a tall dune, silently watching them go, it then disappears in a whirling wind of sand.

EXT. OUTSIDE PYRAMID CITY - DAY

GRAVEHEART, CRYOS, AND ZERA WALK OVER A DUNE AND SEE SUN CITY, a city between two halves of a huge pyramid. A few CORESHIPS hover overhead.

SAND PEOPLE cleaning the walls watch our approaching heroes. Before Graveheart can speak, Zera steps forward.

ZERA
(19) Hello. We're here to --

Without a single word, the Sand People turn away and walk into the city.

ZERA (cont'd)
(20) Was it something I said?

Cryos looks at Zera and shrugs, as Zera points OS.

RAMSET
(21A) Hullo!

ZERA
(22) Look! Someone is coming.

RAMSET comes from the city on a litter carried by SAND PEOPLE, and flanked by SUN GUARDS. A Sand person, ZUMA, walks beside them, fanning Ramset with a big fan. Ramset constantly gestures with his flyswatter scepter.

RAMSET
(23) Hullo! Welcome to the glory that is The City Of The Sun. I am Ramset, Speaker of the Sun People. Which of you is in charge here?

Cryos and Zera look at Graveheart. He slowly steps forward.

RAMSET (cont'd)

(24) Right. You can leave your servants here.

ZERA
(25) I am not a servant!

GRAVEHEART
(26) This is the Lady Zera of Planet Ice, and her father, King Cryos. I'm Graveheart of Rock. In our Alliance, we're all equals.

RAMSET
(27) Equals? You don't say? I rather wish we Sun People had equals. These Sand People make fine servants, but poor company.

CRYOS
(28) Be that as it may, we're here to warn you of a great danger.

GRAVEHEART
(29) And to offer an opportunity for your world to join our Alliance.

RAMSET
(30) Frightfully nice of you. What say you tell me all about it in my council room?

Ramset's waves his hand in a gesture to turn back to the city .Graveheart,Cryos and Zera follow.

rAMSET (cont'd)
(31) You really have no servants? Bad luck, that. Still, I suppose not everyone can be one of the Sun People, eh?

Again, unnoticed by our heroes, several Sand People rise from behind to watch their progress. What's going on here?

EXT. PYRAMID CITY STREETS - DAY

Our heroes enter the city with Ramset and the Sand People. They walk past the hovels. Zera notices Zuma looking at her.

ZERA
(32) Hello, my name is Zera. What's yours?

Ramset laughs.

RAMSET

(33) Talking to Sand People! You are quite primitive! Sand People are domesticated animals, with no language or culture. We call that one Zuma.

Then, almost as a comical afterthought, Ramset gestures with his scepter from Zera to Zuma, then back again, introducing them ala David Letterman at the Oscars.

RAMSET
(laughing)
(34) Permit me to introduce you both. Zera, Zuma. Zuma, Zera.

Zuma looks at Zera. Zuma's eyes GLOW, and Zera smiles. Zera studies Zuma for a beat, as if intuiting something.

EXT / INT. BLADE WING

Jade watches the monitor and the desert all around her. The BladeWing's engines are idling.Suddenly, the monitor screen starts to flicker.The wind starts to pick up.

JADE
(36) There's something out --

Suddenly, she hears a WHISTLING SOUND OF RISING WIND AND SAND.

JADE (cont'd)
(37) -- huh?

Jade looks out the window of the BladeWing. A sandstorm WHIRLS up around the ship, obscuring the view. Through the whirling sand Jade makes out the shape of a Sand person watching her.

JADE (cont'd)
(38) By Mantel's Crown!

As quickly as the storm had started it stops, and no one is to be seen.

JADE (cont'd)
(39) What in Granite was that?

INT. RAMSET'S COUNCIL ROOM - DAY

Ramset leads our heroes into the room. Zuma follows.

RAMSET
(40) All right then. What's this danger? An eclipse, perhaps? I mean you poor primitives are always frightened of those.

While Graveheart answers, Zuma brings a tray with goblets to the travellers and Ramset.

GRAVEHEART
(41) The danger is called the Beast Planet. It consumes other worlds. And your planet is directly in its path.

RAMSET
(laughing)
(42) Oh, come now. Other worlds? Planet Sand is the only world. Everybody knows that.

CRYOS
(43) Then where did you think we came from?

RAMSET
(44) Some distant land, perhaps? I assumed you were pilgrims.

GRAVEHEART
(45) No, we're members of an interplanetary Alliance. We've battled the Beast for months now, and we'd like you to join us.

RAMSET
(Yawns)
(46) This Beast seems beyond belief.

CRYOS
(47) In many ways it is. Yet I have seen the Beast devour another planet. Yours will be next, unless you get out of its way.

RAMSET
(still amused)
(48) And how precisely would we do that?

GRAVEHEART

(49) Inside your world there is an Engine (pause) Powerful enough to move your planet out of the Beast's path.

RAMSET
(laughs)
(50) Use a machine to propel our planet through space? Oh, dear, that is rich!

GRAVEHEART
(51) But true. It's an ancient technology and if you found the Telepod it would take you to the proof you need.

Zuma, suddenly intent, turns to stare at Graveheart. Only Zera notices.

RAMSET
(52) No ancient technology here, chaps. And I can hardly ask my people to believe in some mysterious bogeyman now, can I?

CRYOS
(53) Ramset, how can we make you see reason.

RAMSET
(54) Sorry, sorry, afraid I must get back to running the world now. It doesn't run itself, you know. Zuma will show you out. Toodle-oo!

Ramset turns to leave. Zera starts toward him. Cryos puts his hand on her shoulder, and stops her.

EXT. PYRAMID CITY STREETS - DAY

Graveheart, Cryos, and Zera stroll through the city.Daily life is going on all around them.

ZERA
(55) I know Ramset speaks for the Sun People, but who speaks for the Sand People?

CRYOS
(56) Zera, you heard Ramset. They don't speak. Besides, you can see there little more than animals.

ZERA

(57) That isn't what I mean. We can't just let them die because Ramset won't believe us.

GRAVEHEART
(58) Maybe, if we can locate their Telepod, we might change Ramset's mind. Assuming, of course, he has one.

CRYOS
(59) Then wed better hurry, or the Beast will change it for him.

Zuma turns in response to their words and quickly hurries off.

EXT. SPACE AROUND PLANET SAND

The Alliance Flotilla continues moving away from Planet Sand. But approaching Sand from the opposite side are BLOKK'S FLAGSHIP and a scouting party of BEAST DRONE SHIPS.

BLOKK (VO)
(60) Excellent! The Alliance has not detected our scouting party.

INT. BLOKK'S SHIP

BLOKK sits in his command seat.

BLOKK
(61) This world will be new fodder to appease the hunger of the Beast!

Push in on Blokk as he clenches his fist.

BLOKK (cont'd)
(62) On my command -- ATTACK!

EXT. SPACE AROUND PLANET SAND

The Beast Drones swoop down in formation to the Planet Sand atmosphere.

FADE OUT.

**END ACT ONE**

**ACT TWO**

FADE IN:

EXT. PYRAMID CITY CENTRAL PYRAMID - DAY

Graveheart, Cryos, Zera, and Zuma walk between the city's central pyramid and the round building that houses the world engine shaft. Cryos studies a SCANNER and frowns. Unnoticed by our heroes, the Sand People watch their every move.

CRYOS
(63) The Telepod must be nearby, but the signal is coming from all around us.

ZERA
(64) What if we can't find it in time?

GRAVEHEART
(65) We will. We're going to save these people, whether they want to be saved or not.

EXT. PYRAMID CITY CENTRAL PYRAMID - DAY

Suddenly a coreship disappears in a null matter BLAST.

Graveheart, Cryos, Zera, and Zuma see the explosion.

GRAVEHEART
(66) Beast Drones!

An eerie SOUND of Beast Drone ships grows louder... and the first BEAST GLIDERS are dropped from the ships.

A group of SAND PEOPLE walk down the street, unfazed by the action.

ZERA
(67) Take cover! You are under attack!

The Sand People look at her, but do NOTHING, even as NULL BLASTS go off around them. Zera turns to Zuma, who stands beside one of the huts.

ZERA (cont'd)
(68) That includes you, Zuma! Go! Now!

Zera pulls on Zuma to no avail. Zuma just ignores her.

ZERA
(69) Why won't anybody here listen to us?

Three Beast Gliders swoop down the street, SHOOTING as they go. They fly directly toward Graveheart, Cryos, and Zera.

Cryos steps in front of Zera to protect her, and swings up his weapon, firing, but he can't hit the Gliders' containment units, and it looks like the Gliders will get them...

...When they are suddenly IMPLODED by a barrage from above.

JADE (VO)
(70) You left your back unguarded again.

The Blade Wing swoops by overhead, and SHOOTS another Glider.

GRAVEHEART
(into wrist-comm)
(71) What would we do without you, Jade?

JADE (VO)
(72) Pray you never have to find out.

Graveheart and the Blade Wing destroy more Gliders. Suddenly a Beast Drone appears and blasts right at Zuma.

GRAVEHEART
(71A) For Granite's sake, MOVE!!

Graveheart dives in front of Zuma, pulling out his weapon and blasting the drone into nothing. Zera and Cryos stand by, unbeknownst to them a Beast Drone quickly fires at them.

ZERA
(73A) Father!! Look out!

Zera pulls out her weapon and blasts the drone out of the sky. Cryos looks at his daughter in amazement.

CRYOS
(74A) Nicely done daughter.

ZERA
(75A) And to think you didn't want me along.

INT. BLADE WING

JADE
(84) Time to end this.

as Jade SHOOTS another Glider. The ship's viewscreen activates to reveal PYRUS.

PYRUS (FILTERED)
(75) This is Pyrus with the Fleet. Better keep an eye out, guys! We've detected Beast ships near your location!

The Blade Wing IMPLODES another Drone ship.

JADE
(76) Next time, try calling sooner.

PYRUS (FILTERED)
(77) Can you hold out till we get there?

Jade SHOOTS. Another Glider IMPLODES on her screen.

JADE (VO)
(78) What choice do we have?

EXT. PYRAMID CITY STREETS - DAY

CRYOS LOOKS UP. THE REMAINING BEAST SHIPS ARE FLEEING.

CRYOS
(85) They are retreating.

GRAVEHEART
(73) They'll be back....with friends.

Zera turns to Zuma.

ZERA
(74) Are you alright Zuma?

Zuma's eyes GLOW slightly as she walks away.

INT. RAMSET'S GREAT HALL - DAY

Ramset paces as our heroes watch. Zuma stands nearby.

RAMSET
(88) How was I supposed to know your ÒbogeymenÒ actually existed?

CRYOS
(89) Those were only scouts. Soon the Drones will return in force.

RAMSET
(90) Their force has yet to meet the true might of the Sun people.

Cryos and Graveheart exchange a look as the tiny Ramset flexes non-existent muscle. (These people are in serious trouble)

GRAVEHEART
(91) We have to find the Telepod.

CRYOS
(92) It could take days to find the Telepod metal disk in this city.

RAMSET
(93) Ah! The Sun Disk! Why didn't you say so?

Our heroes turn to Ramset as one, astonished.

CRYOS
(93A) The Sun Disk?

GRAVEHEART
(94) Where?!

RAMSET
(95) It's in the central pyramid. People used to worship the thing. Frightful bore. Zuma, take them to it.

GRAVEHEART
(96) Jade, Zera, you go along with Zuma. Cryos and I will help organize this planet's defense.

RAMSET
(97) Oh, I say, jolly good of you.

Cryos puts a hand on Zera's shoulder.

CRYOS
(98) Take no unnecessary chances, Daughter.

ZERA
(winking slyly)
(99) No more than you would, Father.

211A EXT. CENTRAL PYRAMID - DAY

Establish Central Pyramid's location in City.

INT. CENTRAL PYRAMID - DAY

Zuma leads Jade and Zera into the pyramid. In the center of the huge room is a dusty TELEPOD.

ZERA
(100) There it is!

Jade moves to the Telepod with Zera and Zuma close behind her. They stop at the center of the Telepod and look around.It is covered in sand and possibly damaged.

JADE
(frustrated)
(101) Uhh, Nothing's happening!

ZERA
(102) The sand must have damaged it. Now what are we going to do?
Jade considers this for an instant, then heads for the door.

JADE
(103) I've got a sonic cannon back on the ship. Stay here, and wait till I return.

ZERA
(104) But --

But, by then, Jade is already gone. Zera looks after Jade, then gets all huffy.

ZERA
(105) Oh Great. Now what am I supposed to do?

Suddenly, you can hear the sounds of the Sand people. Zera looks up at Zuma, frightened.

ZERA (cont'd)
(106) Zuma?

EXT. SPACE

Blokk's ship is surrounded by a huge fleet of Beast Ships.

BLOKK (VO)
(107) Our scouts have discovered that this new world is weak and powerless.

INT. BLOKK'S SHIP

Blokk looks out at the fleet on his monitor.

BLOKK
(108) We will crush its defenses. It will be helpless before the power of the Beast.

EXT. WORLD ENGINE SHAFT ENTRANCE

Zera follows Zuma to a round building (see drawing #SS-3).

ZERA
(109) Zuma? Where are you taking me?

INT. WORLD ENGINE SHAFT ENTRANCE - DAY

In the center of the building is a huge circular shaft with steps built into the sides. Zuma pauses, Zera demands of her.

ZERA
(110) Zuma, Where are we going?

Zuma points down the steps, then gestures for Zera to follow.

INT. WORLD ENGINE SHAFT

SAND PEOPLE sit cross-legged, eyes glowing, in meditation niches in the walls of the shaft, watching Zuma and Zera descend. Zera starts to get creeped out.

ZERA
(111) Zuma...I'm frightened.

EXT. PYRAMID CITY STREETS - DAY

Sand People watch as Cryos and Graveheart rush by. Graveheart's wrist-comm BEEPS.

GRAVEHEART
(into wrist-comm)
(112) Talk to me.

EXT. SPACE - ALLIANCE ARMADA

Pyrus is in his personal fighter, leading an Alliance fleet. Far ahead is Sand, with a BEAST SHIP SWARM converging on it.

PYRUS (VO)
(113) Graveheart, it's Pyrus! The Beast fleet is closing in on Planet Sand! I'm afraid you're out of time!

RESUME GRAVEHEART AND CRYOS

They look at one another, grimly, then COCK their weapons.

INT. WORLD ENGINE SHAFT

Zera and Zuma stop on the stairs. The rest of the shaft is filled with sand.

ZERA
(114) It’s a dead end.

Zera turns to Zuma.

ZERA
(115) Zuma. There is obviously more to you than <u>everybody</u> thinks. You have to do something...anything.

Eyes GLOWING, Zuma stares at Zera. Then, at last, telepathically, she Òspeaksó. NOTE: As she does, the glow in her eyes FLICKERS IN RHYTHM TO THE WORDS.

ZUMA (WITH ECHO)
(116) Very well, child. If you insist.

Zuma moves toward Zera, as her shadow falls across the frightened chid, intimidating, menacing.

FADE OUT.

**<u>END ACT TWO</u>**

**<u>ACT THREE</u>**

FADE IN:

EXT. PYRAMID CITY STREETS - DAY

BEAST DRONES attack in force -- the sky is full of ships and Gliders. Below, SAND PEOPLE stand their ground but the Beast ships’ blasts CONSUME one building, then another, then another....

Graveheart and Cryos are caught up in the action.

GRAVEHEART
(117) Get back to the Blade Wing! I’ll handle things here!

int. world ENGINE SHAFT - day

Zera cowers as Zuma approaches. Is this huge beast going to do her harm?

ZERA
(118) Please...don’t...

But, to Zera's astonishment, Zuma strides past her, to look up at the other Sand People in the niches.

ZUMA (WITH ECHO)
(119) Kindred, we have watched as these brave travellers warned us of danger, then fought to defend us.

ZERA
(softly, incredulous)
(120) Zuma, you're...telepathic!

ZUMA (WITH ECHO)
(121) Now, after our long centuries of waiting, the time has come to act.

The Sand People's eyes GLOW. An eerie HUMMING fills the air.

Slowly at first, the sand in the shaft begins to rise. Zera flattens against the wall.The SAND people raise there hands to the sky above them...

The sand becomes a huge dust devil. It coils up the huge shaft in a telekinetic WHIRLWIND, revealing a hidden corridor. Zuma gestures down them.

ZERA
(122) By the Glacier!

ZERA (cont'd)
(123) That was...amazing.

INT. RAMSET'S COUNCIL ROOM - DAY

The beast Drones are making short work of the Planet Sand. Ramset, terrified, yells into a tube that comes out of the wall monitoring across the sands.

RAMSET
(shouting into the tube)
(124) Close the city!Close the city! Nothing can harm us then!

EXT. PYRAMID CITY STREETS - DAY

Many Sand People walk a huge treadmill which slowly pulls the halves of the city together.

INT. BOTTOM OF SHAFT AND TUNNEL

Zera and Zuma stop at the end of the tunnel. Huge explosions rock them from above.

ZERA
(125) Beast Drones!

They move on. EXPLOSIONS shake the walls. Ahead of them, the tunnel appears to end. But when they reach the opening, they see:

INT. WORLD ENGINE CAVERN

Zera and Zuma stand at the end of the tunnel, looking down we can see they are inside a massive structure and in the vast darkness below, lies the World Engines.

ZERA
(126) There's the World Engine...with no way to reach it.

Zuma's eyes GLOW.

ZUMA (WITH ECHO)
(127) Step forward, child, and be not afraid.

ZERA
(128) You are kidding, right?

Zera stares down into the endless void and tries to muster up enough courage to walk across into nothing.She takes a step and.....

ZERA (cont'd)
(128A) (Big breath)

EXT. PYRAMID CITY WALLS - DAY

Just before the pyramid closes, Cryos launches out of the city in his Blade Wing, even as several beast Gliders slip past him inside the city at the last moment.

CRYOS
(129) By the Glacier! No way to turn back now. Graveheart will have to deal with those.

INT. PYRAMID CITY STREETS - DAY

Jade, as she enters frame, cocks the sonic cannon (she retrieved from the ship).

JADE
(130) As if we didn't have enough problems.

INT. WORLD ENGINE CAVERN

ZUMA STANDS AT THE EDGE. Zera stands in mid-air below her as if standing on absolutely nothing.

ZERA (WITH ECHO)
(135) how are you doing this?

ZUMA (WITH ECHO)
(136) Keep walking child, we will not let you fall.

Suddenly Zuma stops as if sensing something.

ZERA (WITH ECHO)
(137) What's wrong?

ZUMA (WITH ECHO)
(138) Our enemy approaches. Timegrows short.

ZERA
(139) My Father? My Friends?

ZUMA (WITH ECHO)
(140) Move quickly child. Move sure.

Zera quickly runs towards the World Engines.

EXT. SPACE

RE-ESTABLISH BEAST ARMADA OVER PLANET SAND.

INT. BLOKK'S SHIP

BLOKK FOLLOWS THE FIGHT ON THIS MONITOR.

BLOKK
(141) This battle is not much of a challenge...
(grins)
...and I just love a good fight.

INT.PYRAMID CITY STREETS - DAY

Beast Drones are all over and Graveheart stands solo (or so he thinks), blasting them out of the sky.

JADE
(131A)Graveheart!

GRAVEHEART
(131) Jade? But where's -- ?

JADE
(132) She is safe...for now.

But three Gliders make it past them, heading for the round building over the world engine shaft.

GRAVEHEART
(133) They're going after the World Engine!

The Gliders BLAST through the roof into the round building.

Graveheart and Jade head off towards the building.

INT. WORLD ENGINE CAVERN

Zuma looks back into the tunnel.The Beast Drones are almost there.

ZUMA (WITH ECHO)
(143) They come.

Zera, who has almost reached the Engine, raises her weapon.

ZERA
(144) With all that Jade has taught me, I'm ready...I think.

The three Gliders race toward her. She blasts at all three and takes them all out.

ZERA
(145) Yes, definitely ready.

Zera looks up to see a fourth drone slip into the tunnel. the Beast blasts at Zera, suddenly the shots are deflected by Zuma telepathically.

ZERA (cont'd)
(145A) Zuma?

She raises her weapon to take out the final drone but it clicks. The gun is empty.

ZERA ( cont'd)
(146) No, not now. The engine -- !

ZERA (cont'd)
Zuma, do something!

Zuma looks down. Her eyes GLOW.

ZUMA (WITH ECHO)
(147) Fear not. It shall not reach its target.

INT. WORLD ENGINE CONTROL ROOM

Suddenly, Zuma floats from the shaft, eyes GLOWING. She points both hands at the Beast Glider.

The Glider freezes in mid-air, trapped telekinetically.

RESUME ZERA AND ZUMA

ZERA (WITH ECHO)
(154) You can stop the Beast's Drones?

We PAN across the Sand People, sitting cross-legged in their niches, their eyes GLOWING.

ZUMA (WITH ECHO)
(155) If we must. Though the Kindred are sworn never to harm another, there are still some things we can do.

Zuma's eyes GLOW. The Glider jerks around and is then up toward the surface.

INT. PYRAMID CITY - DAY

The Glider hurtles out of the hole in the building and into the sky. Then, freed of the Sand Peoples' control, it turns and dives, resting in front of Graveheart who has just barely reached the round building.

Graveheart with a sly smile on his face, aims his weapon and blasts.

GRAVEHEART
(156) Gotcha!

EXT. SPACE AROUND PLANET SAND

ALLIANCE SHIPS attack the Beast ships from behind. Pyrus's ship IMPLODES a Beast ship, then SHOOTS another.

INT. PYRUS'S SHIP

Pyrus speaks into the communicator.

PYRUS
(157) Okay, troops, let Ôem eat heat!

INT. WORLD ENGINE

Zera stands at the World Engine controls.

ZUMA

(153) Complete your task child, together we will protect you.

ZERA
(148) Computer online.

WORLD ENGINE COMPUTER VOICE
(149) On-line.

ZERA
(159) Computer, engage world engines. Maximum thrust.

A HUM builds. Gauges LIGHT up. Zera speaks into her comm.

ZERA (cont'd)
(160) Pyrus, I've activated the World Engine! You'd best back off!

INT. PYRUS'S SHIP

Pyrus speaks into his comm as he SHOOTS a Beast ship.

PYRUS
(161) You have a license to drive that thing?

PYRUS
(164) You heard the lady! Pull back now!

EXT. SPACE AROUND PLANET SAND

The Alliance ships peel out of Sand's atmosphere.

WORLD ENGINE COMPUTER (VO)
(166) Activating atmospheric integrity shield.

Suddenly, a FORCEFIELD surrounds Sand.

Lines of magnetic force swirl around the planet.

INT. BLOKK'S SHIP

Blokk sees the retreat on his viewscreen.

BLOKK
(165) Hah! They flee! The planet is ours!

EXT. SPACE AROUND PLANET SAND

The WORLD ENGINES thrust up through the planet's surface.

WORLD ENGINE COMPUTER (VO)
(cont'd)
(168) World Engines deployed.

With a ROAR, Sand leaves orbit, destroying Beast ships in the engine's backwash. Blokk's ship and a few others escape.

INT. BLOKK'S SHIP

In his ship, Blokk is tossed in the world engine backwash.

BLOKK
(170) No, no, retreat, RETREAT!!!

INT. RAMSET'S COUNCIL ROOM - DAY - LATER

Ramset greets Graveheart, Jade, Zera, and Cryos as they approach. Zuma stands by Ramset, watching.

RAMSET
(171) We certainly showed those blighters a thing or two, eh? The Sun people will be a fine addition to your Alliance.

GRAVEHEART
(172) After what your people just did, we'd be honored to have you join our Alliance...

But, to Ramset's astonishment, Graveheart extends his hand to Zuma.

GRAVEHEART (cont'd)
(173) ...Zuma.

Zuma looks at a beaming Zera, then back to Graveheart. Ramset surprised.

ZUMA (WITH ECHO)
(174) From what we have seen of <u>your</u> courage, we would be honored. We have much to learn from one another.

GRAVEHEART
(175) My feelings exactly.

Ramset steps forward, stammering.

RAMSET
(176) B-b-but what about the Sun People?

GRAVEHEART
(half-kidding)
(177) Oh, since you share this planet, I suppose you can come along too.

Then, leaving Ramset standing there slack-jawed, our heroes and Zuma turn to leave.

EXT. PYRAMID CITY LANDING AREA - DAY

Cryos and Zera follow Graveheart and Jade to the Blade Wing.

Cyros kneels before his daughter.

CRYOS
(178) We owe much of our victory to you, Zera. You saw what we refused to, and acted on your feelings.

Proudly, Cryos takes his daughter's hand.

CLOSE ON CRYOS - as he looks down at her and adds:

CRYOS (cont'd)
(179) Thank you, daughter...for not jumping to quick conclusions.

And, off a smile from Zera that could light the night sky, we

CUT TO:

EXT. SPACE

Planet Sand, its World Engines blazing, pulls into position beside the rest of the flotilla, and we watch as our heroes move away dramatically into the depths of space.

FADE OUT.
END OF EPISODE